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DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**Title of Invention** DIGITAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING FOR AN OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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The attached application, or
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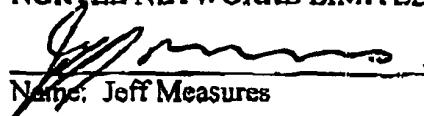
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